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JOIN OPERATION BIG SWITCH!

ALL AMERICAN CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM.

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The Freedom Fighters are arriving. They are here because of the stupidity of our city officials in refusing to face up to the facts of life. Local officials have wantonly turned a deaf ear on all our requests for human rights. Local officials have been cold and brutal in handling the race problem here. They have refused to deal in good faith. They have adopted an attitude that Afro-Americans are just so much dirt under their feet.

The U.S. Constitution has been viewed as a joker in the cards of life. Now the end of an era is upon us. There is going to be a hard struggle in Monroe. All those who are human enough to believe in justice will join the ranks. We don't love strife that stems from massive action but the un-American actions of local officials leave us no other choice. We ask all civilized people to support the Freedom Fighters who have joined us in our struggle. They have proven their dedication in Mississippi, Alabama and other points South. Let us match their courage and dedication!! We invited all Fighters everywhere to join us in our struggle for human dignity. If you are a Freedom Fighter or Freedom Rider: Ride, Fly, or Walk to Monroe, the Angola of America and join us in this noble undertaking for human dignity. We invite people of all philosophies who are dedicated to the cause of freedom.

WE WILL WIN ! !

OUR THANKS

THE CRUSADER thanks many of you for your contributions.

Those who have not yet joined our crusade

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NO WAR OF LIBERATION

President Kennedy has made it clear that he considers the United States already committed to the defense of so-called democratic Germany. The U.S. is proclaiming itself the hydrogen power champion of universal freedom. The fact of the matter is that the U.S. is no exponent of freedom and democracy. It is hard to understand how the United States can get so hot and bothered about threats to so-called democracy in Berlin while America is a cesspool of oppression, human degradation and a tryant in the realm of racism, imperialism and international chicanery.

It should be obvious to all but the most asinine that the United States does not ever intend to liberate the Afro-American except under duress. Afro-Americans have fought in every war since the American Revolution. They have contributed to the liberation of others without ever receiving the fruits of liberation themselves. It is time now for the Afro-American to make a stand for his own liberation.

If Kennedy is sincere in his desire to defend democracy, let him start in the U.S.A. Let him commit himself to the liberation of twenty-million oppressed black captive people. Let liberty and justice start at home; then spread abroad.

Now is the time for Afro-Americans to say to hell with false liberation and phoney liberation dedicated to white freedom only. We must demand our freedom now. No Afro-American should be asked to fight in a white man's conflict of conquest cloaked in the phoney respectability of a crusade for freedom. It is time for Afro-Americans to say: Fight oppression at home, yes; fight a war of conquest, NO!

Afro-Americans should not be a party to a senseless conflict in which millions of humans will be destroyed on the phoney pretense of democracy. This is the Afro-Americans' hour to proclaim his right to be free and that as slaves we are not going to be destroyed -- atomized as cannon fodder. To hell with Berlin! Freedom for all Americans now.

MONROE CITY COUNCIL TO "PROTECT" PICKETS

An ordinance for the "protection" and "regulation" of pickts was passed by the Monrod City Council on Tuesday, August 15.

The ordinance greeted the Freedom Riders from the front page of the MONROE JOURNAL, shortly after the riders' arrival in Monroe.

Although the City Council stated that they recognized picketing in the city in promotion of a lawful cause as a valid right of citizenship, they placed the following "regulations" on the act:

"Picketing may be conducted only on the sidewalks reserved for pedestrian movement and may not be conducted on the portion of a street used primarily for vehicular traffic.

Not more than 10 pickets promoting the same objective shall be permitted to use one of the two sidewalks within a block of the City of Monroe at any one time.

Such pickets may not carry or have on his person any firearms or other dangerous weapon either concealed or unconcealed while he is picketing.

Such pickets may carry written or printed placards or signs not exceeding two feet in width and two feet in length promoting the objective for which the picketing is done; provided the words used are not defamatory in nature or would tend to produce violence.

Pickets must march in single file and not abreast and may not march closer together than 15 feet except in passing one another.

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DID YOU KNOW? By...Asa Lee

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY ONE OF OUR GUEST OBSERVERS. CHARLES LEVY - CONN.

THE DANGERS OF NON-VIOLENCE

If the Southern White were to plan a protest movement for the Negro it would take the form of non-violence.

The Negro who sits-in or pickets is subjected to treatment that is far worse than anything experienced during slavery. He allows the White hoodlums to act more brutally than they ever did in the past. This is called non-violence.

Non-violence is only an excuse for continuing the conditions that have made the Negro a second-class citizen (and this phrase has no meaning; anyone who is less than a first-class citizen is not a citizen -- he is a first-class outcast).

Even worse, non-violence says the Negro is acting respectably if he is subjected to the white man's cruelty and indecency. This means the so-called New Negro who passively resists is doing what the Old White did. He is saying that the Negro must accept treatment that is worse than that given to cattle or the family car. Non-violence gives encouragement and excuses to mistreatment. There is encouragement when the White knows that neither the police nor the Negroes themselves will prevent attacks. There are excuses when the Negro says Whites can't be blamed because they are mentally disturbed. No group has ever before given its agressor encouragement and excuses.

The passive resisters say the Whites can be won over through Love. But this might be doubted by anyone seeing the recent mob in Nashville increase its size and its violence day by day while it surrounded the picketers.

Who are the passive resisters? The leaders are usually young ministers. Their leadership allows them to extend their influence beyond the church. They are able to acquire immense personal power in the name of God and at the expense of the Negro masses. For passive resistance is not a movement of the Negro masses. The Freedom Riders, for example, were mostly middle-class college students from the North. Over two-thirds of the Freedom Riders were White.

The token desegregation brought about by the passive resisters with their sit-ins and freedom rides has been widely praised by the white community in the North and even in parts of the South. This support indicates the worthlessness of non-violence activities. For the same people were willing to support Castro until they realized that his revolution would benefit the Cuban people instead of the American investors. Then they turned against Castro. In the same way, the passive resisters will continue to receive White encouragement until they begin working for the Negro masses.

Once again the Negro finds himself on a slave block. This time he is being sold by non-violence.

No wonder that Jesus Christ said, "I came not to bring peace, but a sword."

...Robert Ingersoll

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If pickets promoting different objectives desire to use the same sidewalk for picketing and such use would result in the presence or more than 10 pickets thereon, the Chief of Police shall allot time to each group of pickets for the use of such sidewalks on an equitable basis.

The term "block" as used in this ordinance shall mean that portion of a street lying between street intersections.

Picketing done contrary to the provisions of this ordinance shall be unlawful.

Whenever the free passage of any street or sidewalk in the city shall be obstructed by a crowd, the persons composing such crowd shall disperse or move on when so directed by a police officer as herein provided.

Any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance that is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption."

Such is justice in Monroe.

Several fire alarms were turned in the night of Thursday, August 17. The fire alarms were quickly responded to but by police cars!!!

The false alarms called the fire fighting police to 410 Boyte St., home of Robert F. Williams.

According to local official reports, the police were dispatched as a safety precaution because the persons calling in the alarms did not give their names and addresses. A ruling passed last week by Chief Jesse Helms stipulated that persons turning in an alarm must give such information. This ruling was prompted by the numerous "pranks" which summoned firemen to 410 Boyte St. For the last few months there has been a series of such alarms, at all hours of the day and night.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS ASKED NOT TO PLAY SEGREGATED GAME

A telegram was sent by Joe Jordan, Ed Dawley, and Len Holt on 12 August 1961 to 11 players on the Baltimore Colts. The telegram requested the players to boycott the Segregated Kiwanis Football Game on the 26th of August in Norfolk.

The players responded to the telegram by agreeing not to play. Volunteers to picket are now being recruited by the NAACP chapter in Norfolk.

The players will do their part by not playing. Now fans must boycott and picket the game. Charitable purposes don't justify segregation. The Kiwanis is a segregated club in a segregated town sponsoring a segregated ball game to be played against a segregated team.

NEWS FROM CARL BRADEN CLEMENCY APPEAL COMMITTEE

On August 17 a delegation of Southern desegregation leaders took petitions to the White House asking President Kennedy to free Carl Braden, of Louisville, Ky., who is serving a year's sentence for contempt of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The petitions were signed by over 1,300 leaders in the field of human rights, representing all of the 50 states of the U.S.

The petition quoted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black as saying that Carl Braden's integration activities seem to have been the "primary reason for his being called before the House Committee," and said "the entire cause of integration may suffer as a result of the precedent set in this case."

Why are the faces distorted with noses ruffled, the nostrils spread wide in disbelief? And above, eyes popped out with strange new sights... Death is present and as always a mystery. Too long has it been believed there is nothing new under the sun. But is Death new? Yes and no. This is a new Death and strange. The old bird is dying. Jim Crow is dying. Even the wind that breaths over the land carries the odor of its decay. And the people ask: How long the funeral and what is anxious to be born next?

Daniel Thompson
Cincinnati, Ohio

THE FREEDOM RIDERS SPEAK

All interested observers were invited by THE CRUSADER to visit Monroe, we are publishing the following articles which represent opinions of some of our guest observers.

The social and legal injustices occuring in Monroe are symptons of a sickness in America that must receive immediate attention and treatment. Negroes do not receive proper police protection, social services supported by taxes are denied the Negro community, discriminatory educational and employment practices crush the American Negro. Because Monroe is one of the many extreme examples of this in the country, 18 young men have come at the invitation of Paul Brooks, and James Forman to study the situation and if advisable to act. We have all been Freedom Riders but are now associated with no one. All possible means are being taken to contact persons concerned with the Monroe problem.

To date we have witnessed the denial of welfare to Negro citizens of Monroe, the mourning of two people who are dead because doctors refused them treatment, and generally the extremes to which Monroe Negroes have been pushed to eke out a meagre existence.

Any action that may be taken on our part will be in the spirit of Non Violence. We Believe it is essential that passive resistance succeed in bringing about a just community instead of the violence of two armed camps in this crisis, for what happens here will determine the course taken in many other communities throughout the South. To me the question is not whether Negro Americans will achieve equality but whether it will happen violently or non-violently. All people, black or white, are invited to join us in our attempt at a peaceful solution to the problem.

Wm. Mahoney
Montclair, N.J.

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I believe Mr. Robert F. Williams to be potentially the most dangerous person in America. He has sufficient forces on hand to stage a token uprising and probably enough sympathy throughout the land to carry out a full scale effort to eliminate racial discrimination at all levels of our society. On a number of occasions, Mr. Williams has advocated returning violence even to the point of suggesting that the annihilation of the white racist is the solution to segregation and discrimination. He has been forced to take this stand by the gravity of the situation in Monroe, North Carolina, the place of his birth, and it is this stand that has been misunderstood by our nation.

The people here are desperate; they have banded together under the leadership of Mr. Williams to protect themselves against the prejudiced actions of the white racists who are in control of city and state governments. Negroes in Monroe are denied sufficient medical care and welfare, they are not given equal protection under the law and there is general resistance to hiring Negro labor in industry. There are no labor unions here. In June of this year, a picket line was put up around the local swimming pool to protect its segregation. An angry mob gathered and made an attempt on Mr. Williams life as he approached the scene. There have been several other attempts on his life.

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At the request of Mr. Williams and the Negro community in Monroe, a group of non-violent young men have come here to attempt a peaceful solution to the problem and reestablish laison between Mr. Williams and the non-violent organizations active in the integration movement. We are all dedicated to the theory and practice of nonviolence and have previously participated in non-violent action. We believe that Mr. Williams and the Negro community here are sincere in their request and pray for a peaceful elimination of discrimination. We ask you all to join with us in our effort and pledge your support, physical, financial, or moral.

John Cyril Lowry
New York City

The following petition was presented to the Monroe City Board of Aldermen by Robert F. Williams on Tuesday, August 15, 1961.

PETITION

We, the undersigned citizens of Monroe, petition the City Board of Aldermen to use its influence to endeavor to:

1. Induce factories in this county to hire without discrimination.

2. Induce the local employment agency to grant non-whites the same privileges given to whites.

3. Instruct the Welfare Agency that no non-whites are entitled to the same privileges, courtesies and consideration given to whites.

4. Construct a swimming pool in the Winchester Avenue area of Monroe.

5. Remove all signs in the city of Monroe designating one area for colored and another for whites.

6. Instruct the Superintendent of schools that he must prepare to desegregate the city schools no later than 1962.

7. Provide adequate transportation for all school children.

8. Formally request the State Medical Board to permit Dr. Albert E. Perry, Jr., to practice medicine in Monroe and Union County.

9. Employ Negroes in skilled or supervisory capacities in the City Government.

10. ACT IMMEDIATELY on all of these proposals and inform the committee and the public of your actions.

(signed)
Robert F. Williams
Albert E. Perry, Jr., M.D.
John W. McDow

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